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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6684**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 237

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 28, 2005

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Regulation of Abortion Clinics.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Kruse

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                          **X DEDICATED**  
                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires the State Department of Health to establish procedures to determine whether an abortion clinic is complying with the laws governing abortion and child abuse or neglect reporting. The bill also prohibits the State Department from granting an exemption to an abortion clinic concerning abortion clinic physical plant specifications.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2006.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The Department reports that the survey procedures for abortion clinic licensure are not yet completed. The Department should be able to draft the survey procedures to ensure that surveyors check that appropriate clinic policies are in place and that the procedures are operational. This action should be able to be accomplished within the current level of resources available to the Department.

The bill also requires that the Department may not grant an exemption to the required clinic physical plant specifications. This provision would require a revision of the existing licensure regulations which should be accomplished within the existing level of resources available to the Department.

*Appropriation Background:* The Indiana State Department of Health administrative appropriations were made from the dedicated Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement Fund for FY 2006 and FY 2007. Revenues from fees and penalties collected by the Department are deposited in the General Fund, with augmentation allowed in amounts not to exceed the additional revenue from fees or penalties received after July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** The bill may reduce the amount of fees collected for clinic licensure if any

of the currently operating clinics cannot meet the physical plant requirements specified in the regulations.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana State Department of Health.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** State Department of Health, and 410 IAC 26.

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